



Ascension— 10:00am Holy Communion

Ezekiel 36:24-28, Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Hymns

12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

332 I the Lord of sea and sky

67 Be still for the presence of the Lord

54 At the name of Jesus

Prayers List

This week, we thank God for ***Kelechi Eziukwu***, and continue to pray for our Five, individually; that the light of Christ will be manifest in us.

Preacher: James Herring

Lead: Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Sunday Service Zoom Link

ID: 896 6125 2194; Passcode 050845

Giving at St Francis Church

Regular giving makes a real difference, helping us plan long-term projects and ministry to share the love of Christ with all people.

If you would like to set up a standing order, please use the details below:

Account Name: **St Francis & St Clares Parochial Church Council**

Sort Code: **40-22-26**

Account Number: **91303368**

Reference: Giving/[SURNAME]

Alternatively, if you would like to make a secure one-off donation by credit or debit card, please use the payment point in church or scan the QR code

If applicable, please also tick the Gift Aid box.

God bless you.



Highlight from last Sunday: *Walking with, and Handling The Truth* by Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Jesus' teachings on "Walking with, and Handling The Truth" emphasize the importance of understanding and embracing the divine truth. In John 13, Jesus informs his disciples of his impending departure, causing distress. Chapter 14 begins with Jesus comforting them, assuring them of his return and the promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:1-17). Jesus reveals Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the source of the Holy Spirit, who will guide believers and be with them forever (John 14:15-17).

Recognizing "The Truth" is exemplified through various encounters in the Bible. At the well in Samaria, Jesus reveals the truth to a Samaritan woman, who shares this revelation with her town (John 4:25-26, 28-29). In the Synagogue, Jesus promises deliverance to those who believe in His teachings (John 8:31-21). In the upper room, Jesus

reveals the truth to His disciples and promises His omnipresence with and in those who follow His commands (John 14:21). Pontius Pilate's confusion about the nature of truth is another example (John 18:37-38).

Handling "The Truth" involves empowering others to proclaim and live by the truth. In Luke's account, the Spirit of Truth is illustrated through Paul's journey, where he proclaims the truth, empowered by divine intervention and accompanied by miracles (Acts 16:11-40). Paul makes disciples, escapes from mobs, and preaches boldly in various locations, demonstrating the transformative power of embracing and handling the truth.

Please visit and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel @StfrancisGuildford45](#) for more.

Volunteers Needed

Food Share Helpers Needed

John is having to retire from collecting for Foodshare, which he has been doing faithfully every Thursday morning. His dedication has been invaluable. We urgently need a new volunteer to take over this crucial task of collecting food from the two local co-ops and delivering it to St Francis Church. If you're interested, please speak to *Diane, Val H, or Pelumi*. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding Help Needed

We are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare for all. We are

looking to strengthen our team to ensure our church is a safe place for all, particularly children and vulnerable adults. If you have a heart for protection and can help with promoting good practice, please speak to Robert or Pelumi

Want the Best Seat on Sunday Morning?

Are you interested in joining an awesome team of "audio geeks"? The Audiovisuals Ministry is looking for volunteers to help run our sound desk and PowerPoint slides. You don't need to be an expert—we will train you! In just a short time, you'll be an essential part of making our worship services happen. Please speak to Robert or Pelumi



A vibrant poster for a charity sale. At the top, a red heart is on the left and a brown teddy bear is on the right. The word "Charity" is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, "Pre-Loved Sale" is written in yellow and white on a blue ribbon banner. Underneath the banner, a calendar icon is followed by the text "Saturday 30th May 2026" and a clock icon followed by "10am – 1pm". A red ribbon banner below that contains the text "Sports Hall, Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, GU2 9SJ". The center of the poster features a photograph of an outdoor market stall with various items for sale, including clothing, bags, and toys. Below the photo, a green banner reads "ALL proceeds going towards: Christian Aid & YWHAM Albanian Mission Trip". Underneath that, a blue banner says "Recycle your goods & raise funds for a good cause!". A red banner below that says "SELLERS: Book your space for FREE! Bring your items to sell, and take away any unsold goods!". At the bottom left, there are icons for cash and credit cards with the text "Payments by Cash or Card". At the bottom right, there are icons of a coffee cup and a muffin with the text "Refreshments available from the cafe". At the very bottom, the text "To book a table, email: parish.office@emmanuelchurch.co.uk Attn: Julie Strosco" is displayed next to a QR code.

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We need God in all we do; prayer is key

Please Pray for Growth

'God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness. Help St Francis, St Clares and Emmanuel Churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Prayer Room by the narthex is open daily from 9am—5:30pm. If you feel burdened, come in to pray for yourself, for someone else, for issues that worry you or simply step inside to reflect in the presence of God. Each week, we pray for families in church and the community. You could send requests to prayers@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

Important Dates (May 2026)

| Date | Event (Time) |
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| 10 | Café Church (10:00 am) |
| 11 | Worker's Prayer Meeting |
| 11 | Tea & Skittles |
| 12 | Hear Here Audiology Clinic |
| 18 | APCM at Emmanuel Church (7:45 pm) |
| 24 | Adult Baptism |
| 5, 12, 19 | Student's Fellowship (7:00pm) |

Keep Going A Poem by Edgar Guest (The Detroit Free Press; 4 March 1921)

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
And the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than it seems
To a faint and faltering man.
Often the struggler has given up when he
Might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped
down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems afar.

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst that
You musn't quit.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many
kinds, because you know that the testing of
your faith produces perseverance. Let
perseverance finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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Newsletter Contributions & Enquiries

For contributions or enquiries on Baptism, marriage etc, please contact Valerie by phone (01483571018) or in person on Wednesdays from 12-4:00pm or via email: admin@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

For your testimonies, God-incidents or coincidences witnessed or experienced, please submit entries of 150 words to: testimonies@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

You may choose to remain anonymous, however, please note: by submitting your story, you agree we can share your testimony via the print and digital platforms of St Francis Church.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of all people safe at St Francis Church. We have adopted the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church Policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Minister (Pelumi), the Warden (Robert) or the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Steve)

Other programs

Morning Prayers on Zoom

Tuesdays (9:30)

Do please join us if you can. *ID: 829 9475 0223; Passcode 104258*

Hear, here NHS Clinics

Tuesdays (9:30-11:00 am)

A Diocese of Guildford project in partnership with Sight for Surrey and the NHS, where our NHS audiology-trained volunteers provides community-based hearing aid maintenance.

Community Foodshare

**Open Mondays – Saturdays (9 am – 4pm),
Sundays (12:00-4:00pm)**